

FORM V SUMMER READING ASSIGNMENT
Cistercian Preparatory School
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REQUIRED TEXT

Yann Martel's *Life of Pi*. I will be using the Mariner edition (ISBN 978-0156027328), but any copy besides the DVD will do.

ASSIGNMENT

Read the novel and be prepared to discuss all of its exciting layers in the first two weeks of class. In addition to reading the novel, keep a reader's journal (handwritten or typed) in which you record your response to a quote or a passage from any five of the book's chapters.

First, write down the quote or passage that inspired the entry, verbatim. (It may be short or long, ten or a hundred words.) Then write a response to it. You may converge on the passage—that is, explain its significance or analyze it closely. Alternatively, you may write about a related topic that the passage inspires you to consider. You may reflect on your own personal experience, for example, as well as the author's intentions. Take time to ponder the quote or passage. The length of each of the five responses is up to you, but overall I am looking for at least five hundred words, an average of one hundred per response.

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Be sure to bring your copy of *Life of Pi*, your reading journal, loose-leaf paper, and something to write with to the first day of class.

In the meantime, enjoy your summer! Write a few lute duets, troubleshoot your lawn-tennis game, plant a patch of kale in an unsuspecting friend's yard, or just lie out under the stars in a lifeboat with a tiger named Richard Parker. I look forward to working with you this fall.

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